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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1822

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, NL, SY, EG

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID TO EGYPT AND SYRIA

1. CHAIRMAN J.A. WARNING OF DUTCH CENTRAL BOARD FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS (CBFER) HAS INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT AMBASSADOR GOULD ON LIKELY USG REACTION TO CBFER SUGGESTION TO GON THAT IT INCLUDE SYRIA AND EGYPT ON LIST OF DUTCH BILATERAL AID RECIPIENTS. WARNING EXPLAINED THAT DUTCH PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS COMPRISING BOARD OF CBFER BELIEVE SUCH A GESTURE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN IMPROVING CLIMATE FOR DUTCH TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN ARAB WORLD.

2. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT WHILE ALLOCATION OF DUTCH AID BUDGET WAS FOR GON TO DECIDE, INITIATION OF NEW AID PROGRAM TO SYRIA AND EGYPT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME COULD BE MISINTERPRETED IN MORE THAN ONE WAY AND COULD HAVE UNFORESEEN IMPACT ON EXTREMELY DELICATE GENEVA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED WARNING DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL UPON HIS RETURN FROM UNGA WHERE HE WILL HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH SECRETARY AND SEVERAL ARAB AMBASSADORS. WARNING EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR SUGGESTION AND IMPLIED HE WOULD ACT ON IT.

3. COMMENT: CBFER IS PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED  
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BY GON AS SPOKESMAN FOR DUTCH INDUSTRY, TRADE, AGRICULTURE, BANK-

ING, AND TRANSPORT ENTREPRENEURS WHERE FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY  
IS CONCERNED. WHILE INFLUENTIAL IT IS NOT NECESSARILY ON SAME  
WAVELENGTH AS PRESENT CENTERLEFT GON COALITION, AND WARNING MADE  
IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD HAD NO INDICATIONS YET FROM DUTCH MINISTERS  
THAT THEY WERE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST CBFER PROPOSAL. INDEED WE  
BELIEVE THAT GON WOULD STEER CLEAR OF SUCH A BILATERAL ACTION AT  
THIS TIME WITHOUT EXPLICIT GREEN LIGHT FROM US. HOWEVER, CBFER  
FEELING THAT SOME DUTCH FENCE-MENDING IN ARAB WORLD MIGHT BE  
DESIRABLE IS DOUBTLESS SHARED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.  
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